(e) The main competitors are Chile, Pakistan, Phillipines, Colombia, South Africa, Australia and Israel for fruits; China, Turkey, Thailand, Phillipines, Israel and South Africa for vegetables and Kenya, Israel, South Africa, Zimbabway and Morocco for floriculture respectively.

Coastal Management Plan

598. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties resulting from the Coastal Management Plan of the Ministry of Environment imposing severe restrictions on construction work in coastal areas;

(b) whether representations have been received from State Governments to remove restrictions; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). Some State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have represented to the Central Government about the difficulties in implementation of Coastal Zone Management Plans, particularly with regard to withdrawal of ground water, mining of sands and No Development Zone for rivers and backwaters.

(c) It has been decided to constitute a committee to look into selected issues raised by the State Governments.

Cleansing of Rivers

599. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken up the rivers for cleansing under the Central Government Scheme and the progress made thereunder;

(b) if so, the details of rivers taken up;

(c) whether representation has been received to include river Chaliyar in Kerala under this scheme, and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). The Government had approved in July 1995, a National River Conservation Plan to take up pollution abatement schemes in 46 towns locates on the polluted stretches of 18 rivers in 10 States of the country at an estimated cost of about Rs. 772 crore. The details of various components of the National River Conservation Plan, state-wise, town-wise and river-wise are given in the statement enclosed.

(c) and (d). A representation had been received from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri E. Ahamed for inclusion of river Chaliyar in Kerala under this scheme. The Hon'ble Member of Parliament has been requested to take up the matter with the Government of Kerala. A copy of the letter addressed to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament has been forwarded to the Government of Kerala.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	State/Towns	River	Total cost including cost of land	Contribution of States
1	2	3	4	5
1.	**Andhra Pradesh**		5379.00	2689.500
1.	Mancharial	Godavari		
2.	Bhadrachalam	Godavari		
3.	Rajamundry	Godavari		
4.	Ramagundam	Godavari		
2.	**Bihar**		3222.03	1611.015
5.	Ranchi	Subarnarekha		
6.	Jamshedpur	Subarnarekha		
7.	Ghatshila	Subarnarekha		
3.	**Gujarat**		9869.89	4934.945
8.	Ahmadabad	Sabarmati		